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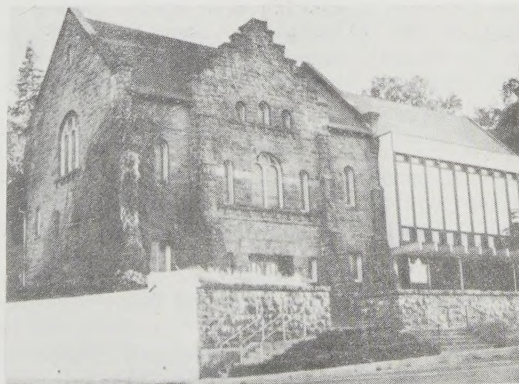
***RIVERSIDE CHURCH PREPARING FOR SPRING ASSEMBLY;
PROGRAM AND ARRANGEMENTS COMPLETES THEIR WORK***

The members of Riverside Community Church, Hood River, are completing arrangements involved in hosting the 1986 Spring Assembly which will convene there May 16-18. Host Pastor Steve Lusk urges conference churches who have not already done so to make their housing arrangements since motel accommodations in Hood River, "the windsurfing capital of the world", will be limited. As always hospitality in the homes of church members will be available.

Assembly participants will hear from two keynoters: Benton Johnson, Professor of Sociology at the University of Oregon, and R. Alan Johnson, Secretary for Evangelism with the United Church Board for Homeland Ministries. Exploring the theme, "Toward Optimism: Rebirth in Our Congregations", Benton Johnson will focus on a historical overview of the decline of the liberal church, identify the demographic factors involved, dispel some of the myths associated with this phenomenon and offer suggestions for strategies for renewal. Alan Johnson will focus on creating a will for renewal and growth, tackling the issues of guilt, ignorance and complacency. Alan believes that "church growth is possible in our churches without having to mimic the style of the non-denominational, independent churches." Each of the Johnsons will address the Assembly once and then participate in a panel discussion. Alan will also preach on Sunday morning.

In business to come before the Assembly, the delegates will be asked to consider three resolutions: Conference Sunday Offering, Central America and South Africa. There will be a presentation of and action on the proposed 1987 Budget. Conference officers, Board members and members of the Nominations and Leadership Committee will be elected. Both Conference Minister Don Severson and Associate Gene Ross will address the Assembly, on Saturday night and Friday afternoon respectively.

Prior to the Assembly the UCC Women of the Central Pacific Conference will gather for their Annual Meeting at Bethel Congregational Church, White Salmon. Following the Assembly the new Board of Directors will conduct their first meeting at the Cascade Locks Community United Church of Christ. The Cascade Locks, White Salmon and The Dalles congregations will also be assisting Hood River in hosting the Assembly.



**SPECIAL ANNUAL
REPORTS ISSUE**

Riverside Community Church, Hood River
Site of 1986 Spring Assembly

ASSOCIATE CONFERENCE MINISTER

The Reverend Eugene Ross

Youth and Young Adult Ministries is a priority of the United Church of Christ of the Central Pacific Conference and has been a priority in my work during the past year. While I have been involved in other activities, given the space restraints for this report I want only to focus on what has happened with this very important priority.

There is currently more to report in the area of youth ministry than young adult ministry. The Conference will have three representatives at Crossroads '86, a national young adult gathering in June. The Christian Nurture Committee has paid their costs at the gathering itself and it is hoped that home churches will help with the travel expenses for the delegates. My hope is that these young adults will bring back ideas and resources that will help the Conference move forward on this ministry.

During the past year the following youth ministry activities have occurred, activities which I believe have and will continue to strengthen youth ministry in the churches of the Conference:

FALL ASSEMBLY: The 1985 Fall Assembly focused on the theme, "Youth, Young Adults and the Church: In Ministry Together." With valuable input from keynoter William R. Myers from Chicago Theological Seminary and a wide variety of workshops, I believe the churches of the Conference were given a rich opportunity to explore the mandates for the church to refocus their efforts on developing ministry with youth and recruiting and supporting significant adults to relate to youth.

CO-OPERATIVE WORK IN CLUSTERS: In the Idaho-West, Portland Eastside and Portland Westside clusters this past year has witnessed a new commitment to co-operative cluster programming ranging from monthly to quarterly gatherings. These gatherings have generated much excitement, have reminded youth that they belong to a wider fellowship and have provided programming that one church might not have been able to undertake itself. I hope that other clusters will explore this possibility.

YOUTH WORKERS SUPPORT GROUPS: This year I implemented in the Portland metro area a support group for adults working with youth. In the Idaho-West cluster they have been invited to be a part of the Fellowship of Idaho Religious Educators. The purpose of these gatherings has been for mutual support, resource sharing and program envisioning. During this next year it is my intention to convene such gatherings in the other clusters.

YOUTH AS LEADERS EVENTS: Although circumstances forced the postponement of these events from November to January, both Idaho and Oregon experienced the first in what I hope will be a series of annual events designed to bring together youth who are leaders in their local settings and the adults working with them for purposes of building a team concept to youth ministry and providing leadership skills training.

WESTERN REGION YOUTH EVENT: At the end of June, 16 youth and four adults will travel to Colorado Springs for the second Western Region Youth Event. Focusing on the theme, "Coming of Age...with Self...with Family...with the World" this event will provide our youth with a tremendous opportunity to gather as one community and grow as members of the denomination, of local churches and as individuals.

I have been impressed with the new movement toward strengthening youth ministry going on in our Conference. There is more to be done. I look forward to the opportunity to work with churches, clusters and the Conference structure as we continue to implement this priority.

REPORT OF THE MODERATOR

The Reverend Karl J. Vercouteren, Moderator

1985-1986 was both productive and frustrating for your moderator and Board of Directors. I have seldom worked with a finer group of people than those you elected to serve with me as officers and board members. This was our second year under the new conference by-laws and the first full year during which all its provisions were implemented. *The Board of Directors was free to concentrate on "big picture" concerns:* oversight of the conference as a whole, policy making, setting directions for the future. The function of coordinating program elements of the conference was picked up by the Program Cabinet. That group's consideration of priorities and assembly themes was a valuable new contribution during the past year.

Major time and effort went into the Mission Strategy Papers. Just a year ago the papers were ready to go into a "sifting and winnowing" stage. Carrying that process forward has been the source of satisfaction and frustration: satisfaction in that some issues addressed lie at the heart of our life and mission, and some new and better ways of dealing with them are emerging; frustration in that all of the issues are stubborn ones (which is why they were on the list to begin with!) and the resolution of most issues seems as far away as ever. Also frustration at board meetings over process: the steps from issue to strategy to achievable long-range plan snapped in and out of focus regularly. I appreciate all who have been involved, since the basic concern is how Central Pacific Conference moves into the future.

Here are the major agenda items at the past year's Board of Directors' meetings: *May 1985--* Made referrals to implement Spring Assembly actions; appointed board liaisons to program committees; discussed disposition of the major gift received from Ainsworth UCC; accepted formal withdrawal of Ebenezer Congregational Church from the conference and received the request of Southwest UCC to join the conference.

June 1985--- Struggled with Mission Strategy preface and process, and assigned a group to summarize and re-write the papers during summer; heard report of work to resolve issues surrounding reception of Southwest UCC.

September 1985--- Accepted Southwest UCC into the conference; heard report on General Synod, referred G.S. priorities and other actions to the Program Cabinet and committees; sorted, rated, and recommended Mission Strategy proposals; referred several items from the Mission Strategy papers for further study or for immediate implementation.

October 1985--- Fall Assembly concentrated on "Youth, Young Adults and the Church: in Ministry Together"; welcomed and received Southwest UCC as its newest congregation and ordained Caren Caldwell as its newest minister; enjoyed the hospitality of and deepened its relationship with Pacific University; and the executive committee of the Board of Directors met to appoint the 1986 members of standing committees.

February 1986--- Budget was the board's primary concern: the conference general fund ended 1985 with a net gain, which made 1986 adjustments and 1987 proposals easier; Camp Adams ended 1985 with a net loss--not large enough to panic, but not small enough to ignore.

March 1986--- Worked some more on Mission Strategy, having responses from individuals, churches, and cluster meetings to consider; adopted a resolution on "Small Membership, Geographically Expansive Conferences" that several of us from C.P.C. helped develop in Denver in January (regarding getting conferences with our kind of membership/geography configuration into the process of implementing General Synod's resolution "In Search of a Mechanism for Mutual Support of Conferences").

I end my term interested and excited about much in the life of the conference: those who keep our feet to the fire regarding Central America, nerve gas, "white trains," and so many

other issues; new directions in this summer's camping program; top-notch clergy colleagues who just completed an excellent retreat together as I write this; the conference office about to enter the computer age; assemblies coming up that are "on target" with issues that concern me and my congregation--evangelism/church growth this spring and spiritual renewal next fall; a chance to celebrate our church's 150th year in the Northwest in November. The list could go on and on!

Special thanks to our staff who makes so much happen and who support the elected officers in so many ways: Don and Gene, Debbie and Marlene, and also the mainstays of our camps, Harold and Arden. Thanks to all who served on committees and the board, and especially Vice Moderator David Avison. When David and I did our gavel-passing act at Fall Assembly, Earl Traugher learned that we did it with a borrowed gavel. Thanks to Earl and his woodworking skill, I will be honored to pass on the Official Conference Gavel to David at Hood River. Thank you, members of C.P.C., for electing me to serve!

1985 BASIC SUPPORT RECEIPTS

IDAHO

	RECEIVED
American Falls	\$1,689
Boise, First	9,000
Boise, Wright	6,325
Challis	---
Idaho Falls	1,313
McCall	---
Mountain Home	3,650
Nampa	2,894
New Plymouth	2,000
Payette	200
Pocatello	3,000
Rockland	100

OREGON & WASHINGTON

Ashland	1,100
Astoria	---
Beavercreek	1,950
Beaverton	10,150
Cascade Locks	105
Clackamas	2,166
Condon	3,199
Corvallis	11,197
Elliott Prairie	500
Enterprise	1,200
Eugene	16,001
Forest Grove	26,052
Gaston	1,088
Gresham, Zion	2,400
Hillsboro	6,200
Hood River	3,070
Hubbard	1,800

RECEIVED

Ione	\$4,150
Klamath Falls	921
Lake Oswego	2,045
Lincoln City	4,246
Medford	7,150
Milton-Freewater,	
Ingle Chapel	1,950
Milwaukie	2,317
Portland:	
Ainsworth	5,183
Cedar Hills	8,050
First	20,380
Highland	---
Hillsdale	3,600
Parkrose	8,750
Southwest	600
Trinity	1,195
Waverly Heights	4,581
Salem, First	20,116
Salem, Knight Memorial	3,200
Scappoose	---
Smyrna	3,729
The Dalles	3,300
Tillamook	3,500
Wilsonville	3,970
Vancouver, Wa.	5,500
White Salmon, Wa.	666
Miscellaneous	120

TOTAL RECEIVED

\$237,568

CENTRAL PACIFIC CONFERENCE OF THE UNITED CHURCH OF CHRIST 1985 FINANCIAL REPORT

<u>BUDGETED INCOME:</u>	<u>ACTUAL</u>	<u>BUDGET</u>
Local Church Basic OCWM Support	\$237,574.68	\$242,500.00
Per Capita Support @ \$3.00 per member	30,989.00	31,000.00
Trust Fund Interest	8,109.56	6,500.00
Friends of the Conference	2,657.19	3,400.00
Camp Adams - Booking and Bookkeeping	7,000.00	7,000.00
Other Income	7,931.18	2,700.00
Conference Sunday Offering	5,883.78	2,381.00
Conference Share of Special Offering	1,550.00	1,550.00
Interest on Short-Term Investments	1,533.96	100.00
TOTAL 1985 BUDGETED INCOME.....	\$303,229.35	\$297,131.00

<u>BUDGETED EXPENDITURES:</u>		
National OCWM	\$ 57,922.13	\$ 58,200.00
Conference Program Committees:		
Christian Nurture	11,008.58	13,900.00
Church and Ministry	14,550.39	15,135.00
Financial Management	1,552.36	1,860.00
Information & Interpretation	4,565.85	4,450.00
Mission and Outreach	17,147.10	17,400.00
Evaluation	135.22	400.00
Nominations and Leadership	1,045.19	800.00
Program and Arrangements	232.93	500.00
Personnel	290.00	800.00
U.C.C. Women	2,048.26	1,250.00
Ministers	86,797.42	88,189.00
Conference Office	70,166.49	71,347.00
Other Conference Expenses	24,131.62	22,900.00
TOTAL 1985 BUDGETED EXPENDITURES.....	\$291,593.54	\$297,131.00

CAMP ADAMS OPERATION 1985 FINANCIAL REPORT

<u>BUDGETED INCOME:</u>		
Outdoor Schools	\$ 39,029.32	\$ 38,380.00
UCC Summer Camps	23,257.30	22,500.00
UCC Use	10,496.19	12,500.00
All Other Uses	73,850.67	75,000.00
Camp Refunds	781.40-	---
TOTAL 1985 BUDGETED INCOME.....	\$145,852.08	\$148,380.00
<u>BUDGETED EXPENDITURES:</u>		
Management	\$ 37,224.34	\$ 36,420.00
Other Staff	34,892.09	35,810.00
Taxes & Insurance	16,767.61	13,910.00
Materials, Supplies, Utilities	67,295.61	61,900.00
TOTAL 1985 BUDGETED EXPENDITURES.....	\$156,179.65	\$148,040.00

Conference budget and financial report available to Members of the Conference upon request to the Conference Office.

OREGON CAMPING TASK FORCE
Teri Kaliher, Chairperson
IDAHO CAMPING TASK FORCE
William Arthur, Chairperson

1984 & 1985 CAMP STATISTICS

<u>CAMP</u>	<u>1984 No. of Campers</u>	<u>1985 No. of Campers</u>	<u>1984 No. of Leaders</u>	<u>1985 No. of Leaders</u>
Oregon Primary Mini	47	41	13	12
Idaho Primary Mini	25	29	7	7
Oregon 4th Grade	27	37	8	10
Oregon Junior	71	80	12	13
Idaho Junior	23	30	5	6
Oregon Junior High	57	66	9	10
Idaho Junior High	34	31	4	6
Oregon Mid High	51	42	9	10
Oregon Senior High	34	29	7	8
Idaho Senior High	24	33	5	7
Shakespeare	18	18	1	1
Young Adult	11	7	2	0
Idaho Family	-0-	28	-0-	2
Oregon Family	20	25	1	2
Wallowa Trail	-0-	6	-0-	2
	<u>442</u>	<u>502</u>	<u>83</u>	<u>96</u>
On Site (Camp Adams)	318	327		
On Site (Pilgrim Cove)	106	151		
Off Site	<u>18</u>	<u>24</u>		
	<u>442</u>	<u>502</u>		

YOUTH CAMP COMPARISONS

	<u>1984</u>	<u>1985</u>
Oregon Primary	47	41
Idaho Primary	25	28
Oregon 4th Grade	27	37
Oregon Junior	71	80
Idaho Junior	23	30
Oregon Jr. High	57	66
Idaho Jr. High	34	31
Oregon Mid High	51	42
Oregon Sr. High	34	29
Idaho Sr. High	<u>24</u>	<u>33</u>
	<u>393</u>	<u>417</u>



CHURCH PARTICIPATION

	1984 No. of Campers	1985 No. of Campers	1984 No. of Leaders	1985 No. of Leaders
Ashland	4	2	0	0
Astoria	0	1	0	0
Beavercreek	5	6	0	2
Beaverton	40	43	8	3
Cascade Locks	0	0	0	0
Clackamas	19	19	0	1
Condon	2	0	0	0
Corvallis	15	27	8	9
Elliott Prairie	0	2	0	0
Enterprise	3	3	0	0
Eugene	4	5	2	0
Forest Grove	10	10	4	3
Gaston	0	2	0	0
Gresham	1	3	0	2
Hillsboro	11	2	0	0
Hood River	0	1	0	2
Hubbard	2	2	0	0
Ione	10	6	1	0
Klamath Falls	0	0	0	0
Lake Oswego	10	8	4	2
Lincoln City	0	0	0	0
Medford	2	2	2	1
Milton-Freewater	7	9	0	0
Milwaukie	4	3	0	2
Portland				
Ainsworth	0	2	0	0
Cedar Hills	22	33	7	9
First	11	12	0	2
Highland	8	7	1	3
Hillsdale	9	11	0	2
Parkrose	14	21	1	0
Trinity	7	5	3	5
Waverly Heights	6	7	0	0
Salem				
First	21	22	2	2
Knight Memorial	6	0	0	0
Smyrna	10	5	6	3
The Dalles	22	23	2	4
Tillamook	4	2	1	0
Wilsonville	11	12	0	0

WASHINGTON & IDAHO

Vancouver	16	9	3	4
White Salmon	0	2	0	1
American Falls	1	2	0	2
Boise				
First	29	25	2	6
Wright	13	17	0	0
Challis	0	0	2	0
Idaho Falls	2	3	1	0
McCall	1	2	0	0
Mountain Home	6	8	8	3
Nampa	18	37	3	5
New Plymouth	12	19	0	4
Payette	5	9	3	7
Pocatello	3	12	0	1
Rockland	0	0	0	0
Miscellaneous	36	39	9	6

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Assembly Issue

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CHRISTIAN NURTURE

Jean Vercouteren, Chairperson

During 1985 the Christian Nurture Committee worked on its mission statement and tried to carry out its mission.

There were youth clusters and youth worker events. There was a successful outdoor ministry in Oregon and Idaho.

There were educational opportunities in F.O.R.E. and F.I.R.E. (Fellowship of Oregon and Idaho Religious Educators).

There were task force meetings and appointments of new people to serve on task forces.

General Synod Youth Priority became our opportunity to make "Youth, Young Adults and the Church in Ministry Together" the theme of 1985 Fall Assembly. There were many workshops. Some of them were youth and television, exploring controversial issues with youth, new possibilities for youth ministry, youth and workshop, youth and social responsibility, young adults and their role in the church. The keynoter, William Myers from Chicago Theological Seminary gave us "A Theological Base for Ministry with Youth".

The new chair of the committee is Gary Peterson.

MISSION AND OUTREACH

The Rev. Walt McGettigan, Chairperson

Through the Conference budget you give the Committee the responsibility to 1) act on your behalf as the missions and outreach are of the Conference and, 2) to spend dollars you earmark for the purpose of mission and outreach. In 1985 that made it possible for us to support the following churches and organizations: Highland UCC, Portland; St. John's UCC, Payette; Southwest UCC, Portland; Ecumenical Ministries of Oregon; Ecumenical Association of Churches in Idaho; Sponsors Organized to Aid Refugees; UNIDAD (a project in Washington County to establish a crafts cooperative owned and operated by low-income families); Operation Night-watch (a night ministry to street people in Portland); Hope House (a foster home in Nampa); Northwest Pilot Project (a ministry to urban elderly in Portland); and A Child's Place (a child abuse ministry in Klamath Falls).

In addition we have supported application for national funds from Southwest UCC seeking

Neighbors in Need funds for a housing and counseling project for homeless youth in Portland and Oregon Fair Share's request for funding a community organizing project around health cost concerns in the Medford-Ashland area.

We are grateful that you have given us this opportunity to serve you and to act on your behalf. If you have questions or are interested in the activities of the Committee please call upon us. Similarly, don't hesitate to be in touch with us if you have outreach projects which you would like to propose.

NOMINATIONS AND LEADERSHIP

John Wordin, Chairperson

Nominations and Leadership Committee is made up of the following people: Helen Thomas, Susan Cutshall, Dale Feik, Milton Essig, Ed Johns, Earnie Lidell, Arden Fritz, and John Wordin. The committee meets twice a year in the Inter-church Center in Portland. Don Severson has attended all of our meetings with visits by Gene Ross.

Our September 14, 1985 meeting was devoted to nominating individuals for the 8 other committees in the Conference and trying to establish committee chairpersons. Follow-up work was completed in time for the Fall Assembly where all nominees were voted into their respective positions. Dale Feik presented the nominees to the Fall Assembly on behalf of the Nominating Committee. Preliminary planning and organizing was completed for two leadership events, one in Oregon and one in Idaho.

The meeting held in January, 1986 was devoted to nominating 2 clergy for attendance to the 1987 and 1989 General Synods. Attention was also concentrated on nominating persons for vacancies found on various committees. More detailed planning was discussed for the two leadership events. A grass roots method to obtain the names of qualified individuals interested in holding committee positions and other positions of responsibility was started.

I would like to take this opportunity to thank the committee members for their effort in making this committee so effective. I also wish to thank all those people who have so generously given of their time and talent in serving the Central Pacific Conference on the Boards, Committees and in leadership roles.

PROGRAM AND ARRANGEMENTS

Kit Purdom, Chairperson

The committee, meeting with the conference minister and associate conference minister, helped to plan and make arrangements for the two 1985 meetings of the Assembly: May 17, 18, and 19 at Salem First Congregational Church and October 18, 19 and 20 at Pacific University and Forest Grove United Church of Christ. Hillsboro and Gaston First Congregational churches were co-hosts for the fall meeting.

Representatives of the young adult task force and the youth cabinet helped us plan the fall meeting which focused on Youth, Young Adults and the Church.

As usual, the committee began discussing themes and meeting places more than a year in advance of the 1986 Assembly meetings. In 1986 the committee will receive direction on programming and resources from the Program Cabinet, made up of representatives from each major conference committee.

A major accomplishment in 1985 was the compiling of information of responsibilities and duties of host churches, conference staff and the committee in making arrangements for the Assembly meetings. This information may be passed on from one host to the next with added suggestions. Hopefully, this will be a help to everyone.

The committee wishes to thank the members of the conference staff for their help in preparing materials for the assembly meetings.

FINANCIAL MANAGEMENT

Loren Waltz, Chairperson

Budget

Our Church's Wider Mission Basic Support fell short by \$4,900. However, with the \$5,000 gift from Ainsworth UCC, the response to the Conference Sunday Offering of \$5,884 and under expending by \$5,500, 1985 ended with a surplus of \$11,600.

Assets

A complete picture of all the Conference assets and operations including Camp Adams and investments are reviewed monthly with the aid of a computerized report.

Stewardship

A variety of resources were coordinated for churches. A slide and tape presentation "Our Visions, Our Treasurers" was used by 21 churches.

Administration

The Conference is blessed with a very gifted administrator, Don Severson. He is always in search of excellence and efficiency - tough to do in any volunteer organization. It is a humbling experience to assume the chair of the Financial Management Committee after experiencing Greg Turner's leadership for over 2 years. As Greg would say, "Focus on mission, that's what it's all about." Thank you Greg for your service and inspiration to the Conference. We miss you.

CHURCH AND MINISTRY

The Reverend Robert Thoma, Chairperson

At this writing (February of '86) and since the 1985 Spring Assembly the committee and the Idaho Association Committee:

- 1) Held Ecclesiastical Councils and Ordination Service for three persons
- 2) Granted Licensed Minister status to two persons
- 3) Received transfer of standing for five
- 4) Conducted seven installation services
- 5) Granted Privilege of Call to one
- 6) Re-newed In-Care status for five students and received three new students in-care
- 7) Approved financial grants for three students in-care and aid for four clergy for continuing education
- 8) Is planning and sponsoring the 1986 Annual Clergy Retreat
- 9) Granted Leave of Absence status to two clergy and re-newed that status for two others

The Committee also reviewed O.C.L.L.'s proposed new Manual for Church and Ministry and responded with comments and suggested changes and made slight modifications in the C.P.C. Manual.

The month of September (of each year) has been designated as the time when action will be taken on re-newal requests for all statuses (In-Care, Leave of Absence, etc.)

UNITED CHURCH OF CHRIST WOMEN

Dorothy Schlegel, President

The United Church of Christ Women's Board continues to be actively involved within the Central Pacific Conference. Women's Camp Adams was reinstated after an absence of many years, and was planned in conjunction with Pilgrim Cove Women's Camp. Theme was "Patterns", and an enriching experience was had by those attending the camps.

Fall Cluster Meetings featured UCC Missionary Dr. Pauline King of Vellore, India; and the Spring Clusters were highlighted by Rev. Donald Svetson, Conference Minister. Five meetings were held in each cluster series, in all areas of the Conference.

Information on the UCC Women's Educational Loan/Grant Fund was clarified, printed and mailed to each church in the Conference. Activity on the Fund has increased with the added publicity. Loans are given to persons studying for the ministry; grants are given to any member of the CPC, lay or clergy, for leadership development. Women from local churches contribute their monetary gifts for this Fund.

We are involved in planning the Northwest Regional Women's Conference II, with women from Disciples of Christ and the Church of the Brethren. This will be held October 30, 31, November 1 at KahNee'ia.

As this is the end of my two-year term as President, I would like to express appreciation for the opportunity of serving in this capacity. It has been an enriching, inspirational experience for me. The women with whom I have worked have been of great assistance, for it is only with their input and cooperation that we are able to accomplish our goals. My thanks, also to the Conference ministers for their continuing support.

Regional Seminary Support

The Reverend Sallirae Henderson

The Earl Lectures were well attended this year, including several folks of Central Pacific Conference.

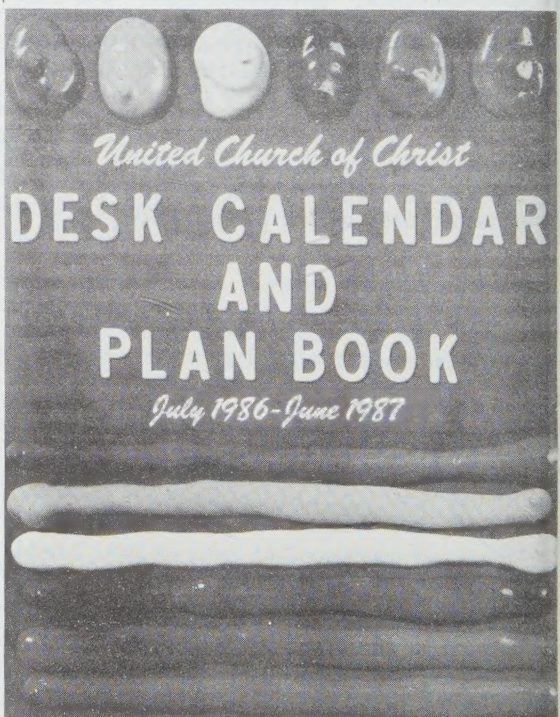
The additions of theologian C.S. Song and historian James Duke to the core faculty have been enormously successful; this spring the seminary will announce the filling of a new faculty position in pastoral counseling. These positions enhance even further the depth and scope of

educational experience Pacific School of Religion can offer its students, most of whom are U.C.C. affiliated this year. The parish ministry has been called one of the last "generalist" professions: As such the educational and training requirements are of an unusual scope. The consistent thoughtfulness, commitment and sensitivity to students' educational needs are evident in the ongoing evaluation process, both formal and informal, among the faculty and staff at P.S.R.

The school feels the same budget crunch most of us do; but as costs of education increase, our giving, generally, has not.

Four of our churches have included P.S.R. in their support for the first time this year, while a few others have dropped out. Our thanks to Beaver Creek, Bethel-Beaverton, Clackamas, Condon, Forest Grove, Gresham, Ione, Lake Oswego, Medford, Milwaukie, Mountain Home, Nampa, Portland First, Hillsdale, Parkrose, Waverly Heights, Salem First, The Dalles, Tillamook, Wilsonville, and Vancouver First United Churches of Christ for their continued support.

The goal of our covenant of support with Pacific School of Religion is 2% of each church's operating budget. We are a long way from that goal. Remember our covenant and let's keep at it!



CAMP ADAMS ADMINISTRATION COM.

Ed Johns, Chairperson

In past several years have been very difficult from the standpoint of finances for Camp Adams. However, 1985 showed much improvement over 1984. So far, 1986 is showing improvement over 1985. We believe this trend will continue.

These very difficult economic times have caused the Camp Adams Administration Committee to re-evaluate its policies and philosophies, resulting in a more cautious and belt-tightening approach to camp management. For example, closing many of the cabins during the winter months when there is little or no use being made of them. This has resulted in considerable energy savings. New ideas to produce savings are forthcoming.

On June 1, we hope to have begun a process of generating more interest in individual churches to increase their use of the facility. Still another approach for generating camp usage is to contact all former users, who for one reason or another have not used the camp in the last several years.

A study of the mission statement is being made to determine to what extent we are living up to the responsibilities as set forth in that document.

Plans are now being made to involve the total conference in dialogue on matters pertaining to camp management and usage.

We do, indeed, have a good camp and the Camp Adams Administration is working very hard to overcome the economics that have placed us where we are. We are praying for the support of the entire conference in order that this valuable resource may continue to render a valuable service to our people of all ages.

1986 FALL ASSEMBLY

Dates: October 17 - 18 - 19, 1986

Host Church: First Congregational,
Nampa

Focus: Spiritual Renewal Priority

INFORMATION & INTERPRETATION

Ted Liljeholm, Chairperson

The activities of the Information and Interpretation Committee for the year 1985 have been wide ranging in both scope and subject. There is cooperation between this committee and other committees of the Conference.

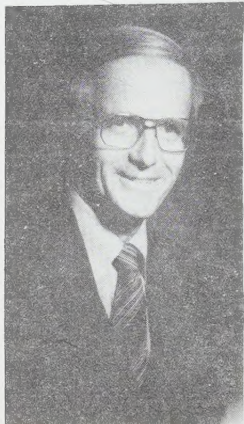
Two of our projects were with the Financial Management Committee. These projects were a slide show presentation about the Conference, and the Special Conference Sunday Offering. These two projects though inter-related represented the work of committee members, Charlottie Havlicak and David Smith, who planned and executed the Conference Sunday Offering, and Pris Hardin, Corvallis, who did the slide show with the assistance of Greg Turner.

Another activity was the itineration of missionaries and mission interpreters. We were fortunate to have two different groups visit. One was Armin Kroehler and a group of laity and clergy from Japan talking about world peace. Fred Shepard, Ashland, did the work of this itineration. Another visitor to the Conference was Pauline King from Vellnora, India, whose visit was itinerated by Linda Minor, Forest Grove.

Another project was the developing of a brochure for the Conference. The project is proceeding with the great work of Fred Shepard and Pris Hardin. Pris and Ginny Cooper conducted a workshop on church newsletters at Spring Conference. Finally, this committee has followed the planning for a 150th anniversary celebration of the Whitman-Spalding mission. Don Severson along with Mary Alice Shepard have been active in representing the Conference in this meeting.

The committee was available for other work and projects from other committees. It also provides needed expertise in the information and interpretation for the Conference.

The Last Word



One of my favorite writers, James Thurber, once advised: "Let us not look back in anger, or forward in fear; but let us look around, in awareness." Annual reports are times to look back, and forward, and around. People of the heritage of faith use these occasions to look back in appreciation, to look around with compassion and joy, and to look forward with hope.

So I look backward in appreciation

- * as we prepare for an exciting celebration of the 150th anniversary of the Waialapa (Whitman / Spalding) Mission;
- * as I remember the joy of working with committed, capable congregational leaders and conference workers during a very busy year;
- * as I continue to marvel at the warmth and friendship that marks the life of this conference;

I look around with compassion and joy

- * at the intense interest folks exhibit in my story about 8 days in Cuba;
- * at the homelessness, hunger, suffering, and anxiety that continue to give the lie to premature proclamations of economic recovery in our land, and at the creative, dedicated response of people of good will;
- * over the reawakening of the conference's relationship with Pacific University;
- * about the good team we have working together on our conference staff;

and I look forward with hope

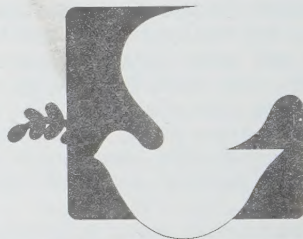
- * because of the talented, imaginative leadership of our pastors, which has been enriched by many new arrivals among us;
- * because there is serious grappling with the issues raised by our Mission Strategy process - questions of faithfulness, viability, and direction;

* because the other UCC conferences are taking serious interest in the small conferences like ours;

* and because God continues to do new, surprising and wonderful things - to us and through us.

Thanks be to God for our life together.

- Donald Severson



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OF GOD"

MATTHEW 5:9

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